

MEDICOS TO GO TO MOUNT VERNON

Railway Surgeons Will Visit Tomb of Washington This Afternoon.

BUSINESS SESSIONS HELD

Two Hundred Physicians Present at the Opening Session Yesterday—Rev. R. P. Williams Delivers the Invocation—Address by Commissioner Ross.

The members of the Association of Railway Surgeons, now holding their seventh annual convention at the New Willard Hotel, in this city, will make a trip to Mount Vernon at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The first session of the meeting was called to order at 10:20 a. m. yesterday by Surgeon M. W. O'Brien, of Alexandria, Va., chairman of the committee on arrangements. There were about two hundred physicians present at the opening session.

Rev. R. P. Williams, pastor of Trinity Church, of this city, delivered the opening invocation, after which the railway doctors were welcomed to Washington by District Commissioner J. W. Ross in a brief address. Mr. Ross said, in part:

"It gives me unfeigned pleasure to have the great honor of welcoming to the District of Columbia the members of your profession.

"The improvements in the sanitary conditions of the District of Columbia are largely the result of the efforts of the members of your profession. In the ranks of the physicians of Washington we are glad to be able to count citizens who are prominent in this country and well known in foreign lands."

Commissioner Ross described in detail the work done by the medical profession of the Capital City; also the improvements needed, in which their wisdom and assistance would be of practical benefit. He closed with the wish that the present convention might be both profitable and agreeable.

Praise for Washington.

Surgeon George Ross, of Richmond, Va., responded to the address on behalf of the surgeons' association. In a forceful address he thanked Commissioner Ross for the welcome extended and congratulated his fellow-physicians on being enabled to meet in annual convention in Washington, which he described as "the pride of the patriotic American and the wonder of the tourist, in the bud-bursting month of June, when the air is fragrant with the perfume from her thousand flowering parks."

Surgeon Hitchcock's Address.

Surgeon Thomas Hitchcock, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the association, delivered his annual address. He congratulated the association on having selected Washington as a meeting place. His address contained many valuable suggestions regarding the legal aspect of the work of the railway surgeons and his relations with the railroad company and his patient. He suggested many improvements in the manner of examining the physical fitness of possible employees by the railway companies.

The report of the committee on arrangement was given by the chairman, Dr. O'Brien, and the convention adjourned shortly before noon. A delegation of 10 physicians then repaired to the White House, where they were received by President Roosevelt.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 p. m. in the banquet hall of the New Willard Hotel. The report of the committee on necessary was given by its chairman, Dr. S. H. Miller, of Knoxville, Tenn., and that of the committee on new members by Chairman Dr. W. W. Harper, of Selma, Ala. This latter report recited the fact that the society is having a steady growth among those eligible to membership.

Papers Read and Discussed.

Among the papers read and discussed at the afternoon session were the following: "Spinal Paralysis," Surgeon C. A. Leake, Granvilleville, S. C.; "Re-Cutted Spinal Cord," Surgeon W. W. Harper, Selma, Ala.; "Cerebral Concussion and Contusion," Surgeon S. R. Miller, Knoxville, Tenn.; "Legal Railway Surgery," Surgeon H. C. Fairbrother, East St. Louis, Ill.; "Accidents and Railway Responsibility," Surgeon H. B. Bunker, Brunswick, Ga.; "Should Surgeons Seek to Prevent Litigation," Surgeon John A. Hale, Alto Pass, Ill.; "Responsibility of the Railway Surgeon," Surgeon C. P. Martin, Russellville, Ala.; and "The Treatment of Burns," Surgeon M. W. O'Brien, Alexandria, Va.

The convention will meet again at 3 a. m. today in the banquet room of the New Willard Hotel. The discussion today will be largely upon the treatment of various cases which continually occur in the experience of railway surgeons.

The excursion to Mount Vernon will be made at 1 p. m. and the afternoon session will be necessarily short. To-

SIX HOUR VOYAGE DOWN THE POTOMAC

Association of Military Surgeons to Take a Cruise.

LEAVE DULL CARE BEHIND

Morning Session Opened Yesterday With Address of Welcome by President Roosevelt—Many Addresses of Interest Made.

The military surgeons, now holding their eleventh annual convention at the New Willard Hotel, will sail away from the city on a six hours' voyage down the Potomac in the President's ship Dolphin this afternoon. They will leave the city at 12:30 with no particular destination in view, and return again in time to get dinner and attend the business meeting at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The convention opened at 10 a. m. yesterday in the National Theater. President Roosevelt delivered an address of welcome to the association. The President was accompanied to the theater by Secretaries Shaw, Root, and Moody, who occupied seats on the stage with him. Among the other distinguished men who were seated on the platform with the President were Surgeon General Bixby, of the Navy; Surgeon General Walter Wyman, of the Marine Corps; Major George Henderson, surgeon general of the District of Columbia; and Dr. Samuel Adams, president of the District of Columbia Medical Society.

The Theater Crowded.

The theater was crowded with the members of the association and their guests, many of whom were ladies. The big auditorium had been tastefully and appropriately decorated with flags and bunting, and the Marine band, seated on the stage behind the officers, discouraged music.

The exercises were opened with an invocation by Bishop Satterlee. General Henderson then introduced President Roosevelt to the audience, which rose and greeted him with applause. In welcoming the surgeons to Washington the President said:

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am glad to have the opportunity to bid welcome to the members of this association and their friends today. The men of your association combine two professions, each of which is rightfully held in high honor by all capable of appreciating the real work of men—the profession of the soldier and the profession of the doctor. (Applause.) Conflicts in modern civilization tend more and more to make the average life of the community one of great ease, compared to what has been the case in the past. And together with what advantages have come from this softening of life and rendering it more easy there are certain attendant disadvantages of suffering."

Heroic Qualities of Man.

"It is a very necessary thing that there should be some professions, some trades, where the same demands are made now as ever in the past upon the heroic qualities in a man, and these demands are made alike upon the soldier and upon the doctor, and how much more upon those who are both soldiers and doctors, upon the men who have continuously to face all the responsibility, all the risk of life and rendering it more easy there are certain attendant disadvantages of suffering. It has been my good fortune, gentlemen, to see some of your body in the field, to see them carrying the wounded and dying from the firing line, themselves as much exposed to danger as those they were rescuing, and to see them working day and night in the field hospital afterward, when even the intensity of the strain could hardly keep them awake, so fatigued out were they by having each to do the work of ten."

Glad to See the Surgeons.

"I welcome you here and I am glad to have the chance of seeing you, and I wish to say a word of congratulation to you upon this association. In all our modern life we have found it absolutely indispensable to supplement the work of the individual by the work of individuals gathered into an association. Without this work of the association you cannot give the highest expression to individual endeavor, and it would be a great misfortune if the military members of the surgical and medical profession did not take every advantage of their opportunity in the same way that is taken by the members of the medical and surgical professions who are not in the army or the navy or the Marine Hospital Service—who are in civilian life. I am glad to see you gathered in this association."

"Just one word of warning. Pay all possible heed to the advice of the men of your work; perfect yourselves as able men able to work with the best and most delicate apparatus; and never for one moment forget—especially the younger officers among you—that in time of need you will have to do your work."

with the most perfect apparatus, and that then your usefulness will be proportioned not upon the adequacy of the apparatus that you did not have, but upon the way you had. Remember that and remember also—and this especially applies to the higher officers—that you have got to supplement in your calling the work of the surgeon with the work of the administrator. You have got to be doctors and military men and able administrators." Continued applause.

The President's remarks were punctuated by frequent applause. At the conclusion the Marine band played "The Star Spangled Banner," after which the President's party left the theater.

Mr. Macfarland's Welcome.

Commissioner Macfarland welcomed the surgeons to the city on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia. In the course of his speech he said:

"We recognize that you represent the soldiers of health, the forces that save from the soldiers of death. We see in your achievements on the battlefield and in the fields of epidemics the altruism and the heroism which are the chief distinctions of men. We hold you in honor for all that is humane, heroic, and philanthropic in your labors. We are very glad that distinguished men are here to represent other countries in your convention, and we trust that they may feel thoroughly welcome. We hope that you will perfect an international organization, and that you will meet, if not annually, at least every other year in the Capital of the United States, which is destined, we believe, to be the intellectual and spiritual center of the world."

Tribute to General Sternberg.

Commissioner Macfarland was followed by Dr. Samuel S. Adams, who, in the course of his address of welcome on behalf of the medical profession of the District of Columbia, paid high tribute to Surgeon General Sternberg.

Brigadier General Harries, who was to have addressed the meeting, was unable to be present.

Lieut. Col. John van Rensselaer Hoff, president of the association, in beginning his annual address, said that he considered it an honor to hold the office of president of the association. He gave a paternal welcome to the delegates from foreign countries, and briefly outlined the program prepared for the three days' session of the association.

Colonel Hoff reviewed briefly the progress of the association during the year past, reporting that there had been 252 new names added to the rolls, making a total membership of 742. There is a balance in the treasury of \$4,301.96. He referred to the aims, objects, and accomplishments of the association, and concluded as follows:

"Originated by civil practitioners to improve the efficiency of the medical department of the State forces, year by year the association has broadened its lines until it embraces in its membership not only the medical officers—past and present—of the National Guard and volunteers, but of the army, the navy and marine hospital services as well. Even more, our doors are now opened to the medical officers of the armies of all nations."

Held Business Meeting.

The business meeting in the ball room of the New Willard was called to order at 1 p. m. by the president. The session was largely devoted to the reading of reports of standing committees and officers. Major James Evelyn Pilcher, secretary of the association, read the report of the secretary and editor, publication committee, and the executive committee. Other reports read and approved were those of the treasurer, Lieut. Col. J. K. Weaver, credentials, Col. Forewood, transportation, Major H. A. Briggs, and the report of the necrology committee by Capt. G. P. Bradley. Short biographies of fifteen members of the association who have died during the past year were read by Captain Bradley.

A resolution was adopted recommending that the executive committee prepare a report on the question of providing compensation for the secretary and editor of the journal.

The Enno-Sander prize of \$700 in gold and a gold medal, valued at an equal amount, was awarded to Lieut. Col. Volney Howard, U. S. A., for his essay "The Most Practical Organization for the Medical Department of the United States Army in Active Service," honorable mention for the next best thesis going to Capt. Frederick P. Bennett, assistant surgeon, U. S. A.

Upon the adjournment of the afternoon session the members of the convention went to the Washington barracks to witness an exhibition drill of the Hospital Corps and a dress parade of the Engineer Corps.

The Evening Session.

The evening session convened at 8 p. m. It was devoted to the reading and discussion of papers on scientific and practical topics.

Capt. John C. Wise, medical director, U. S. N., read a paper on the "Education of Medical Officers for the Public Service," and a discussion followed. First Lieut. S. H. Stanton, of the Florida National Guard, speaking of "The Levee," advanced the idea that many men were mustered into the service before they had become sufficiently mature to enable them to stand the hardships of a campaign. He referred to the great responsibility carried by the medical men who examined the applicants for admission into the service, and the care they should exercise in this matter which had such vital effect in determining the efficiency of the personnel of the army.

In the discussion which followed, Lieut. Stanton's views were heartily endorsed by Colonel Eck of the British army, who held particular stress upon the fact that the minimum age of enlistment was now too low. He illustrated his point with lessons drawn from the South African war just closed.

NEGRO KILLS WIFE AND HER AGED MOTHER.

Angered Because He Was Asked to Pay a Board Bill—Suicide Attempted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Because his wife insisted that he pay \$5 arrears due for board Oscar Webb, colored, shot and killed his wife and her aged mother, Julia Waller, and shot himself in the boarding house of Mrs. Mary Adams, at 238 East Mechanic Street, Germantown, today.

Both women died almost instantly. Webb shot himself four times in the breast and cannot live.

SHORT SUMMER SATURDAYS

Cabinet to Discuss Early Department Closing Today.

The Cabinet at today's session will probably take up and determine the question of the early closing of the Government departments on Saturdays throughout the summer. Last year this plan was put into effect on the second Saturday in June, which fell on the eighth day.

Favorable recommendations have been made to the President on this subject, and, in view of the precedent, the action of the Cabinet is expected to be pleasing to the many persons concerned.

INDIANA WHITECAPS BEAT A YOUNG WIFE

Woman Flogged With Hickory Switches for Alleged Cruelty to Her Stepchildren.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 5.—Mrs. Alice Hanger, wife of a Crawford county farmer, was taken from her home by Whitesboro, early yesterday morning and severely beaten with hickory switches. While the wife was being whipped in the stable yard two of the Whitesboro guarded the husband with loaded revolvers.

Mrs. Hanger is twenty years old, and has been married only a few months. It is charged that she treated her stepchildren in a cruel manner. After the whipping she was warned by the band to be more careful in her care of the children, or she would receive another visit from the mob.

Mrs. Hanger claims that friends and relatives of her husband are responsible for the flogging.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Arrived: Germanic, Liverpool; Laurentien, Glasgow. Arrived out: Furia, Bismarck, from New York, early yesterday; La Savane, from New York, at Havre; Aller, from New York, at Naples. Sailed for foreign ports: Teutonic, from Queens town for New York.

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